

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on October 27, 2010 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the claims are still generally narrative and indefinite as written; and, applicant's arguments, particularly as presented on page 19 of the remarks are not clear as written and are not understood, (in particular, applicant relies on "a collector, such as one recited in amended claim 40, is not connected to or otherwise attached to any of the tanks 120, 130, 220, or 230 in Sugimoto" (however, numerous collectors/tanks--as opposed to just one--are recited in claim 40, and not only is it not clear to which one in particular if any the argument is intended to refer to, but furthermore Sugimoto does show at least two collectors/tanks connected to each other as noted in the previous Office action)).

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Cirim whose telephone number is 571-272-4909. The examiner works a flexible schedule, but can normally be reached weekdays between 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy J. Swann can be reached on 571-272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR.

Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only.

For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>.

Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Ljiljana (Lil) V. Cric/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3785